

cuting the war. At other times in her history North Carolina has been represented in the Senate of the United States by eminent statesmen, but at no time have her representatives exerted wider or more wholesome influence than now.

Another brilliant North Carolina Democrat is majority leader of the House of Representatives. As Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee he shapes the revenue bills, and frames legislation, which collects more taxes than have ever been levied before by any nation. Peer in debate of any member of the House of Representatives, Claude Kitchin honors his party and his State. Nine other distinguished sons of the State by attention to duty, loyalty to their President and devotion to their country are conspicuous in a group of distinguished statesmen. Were all the states of this Union as ably represented as ours in the present Congress, there would be less delay in legislation, no divided counsel, patriotic support of America's cause, and early triumph over her foe.

Division here only delays our victory. For, my countrymen, despite the success of German arms in the East, and the bending back of the allied line on the West, a united America will make victory sure. "Thrice armed is he whose cause is just." However well trained her soldiers, or skilled her scientists, or complete her preparation, Germany's cause is not just. Her armies strive to limit freedom, and extend autocratic power. Those who maim and ravish women, or mutilate and kill children, will not fight long to perpetuate the rule of military despots, who ignore the laws of man, of nations, and of God.

Victory may not come today, nor tomorrow, this week, or next, but come it surely will, for 500,000 free-born American soldiers are on the bloody fields of France. Soon they will be joined by a million more. Back of these are other millions still. Behind all is the moral force and financial power of a hundred million souls enamored of freedom, determined to meet the Hun with "force, force to the utmost; force without stint or limit, the righteous and triumphant force which shall make right the law of the world and cast every selfish dominion down in the dust."